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Bombay Mobilises For Relief Work

Sheriff Announces Release Of Mayor And His Nomination As President Of Emergency Fund Committee

With proverbial generosity, citizens and institutions of Bombay have come forward with large subscription to the Citizens' Emergency Relief Fund, which was inaugurated at a meeting called by Sir Shantidas Askuran, Sheriff of Bombay and held at the Corporation Hall on Monday evening.

Donations totalling more than six lakhs of rupees were made at the meeting itself, and promises of further contributions have been made.

A Committee with the Mayor as President has been set up to collect funds and to help the municipal administration in every possible way to render aid to the distressed.

A dramatic touch was added to the meeting by the announcement by the Sheriff that Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the duly elected Mayor of Bombay, had been released by the Government. The announcement was greeted with cheers.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master who was released from Yeravda on Monday morning promptly put himself in touch with Bombay on the trunk line. He arrived in Bombay by the Poona Express. He detrained at Byculla where he was received and garlanded on behalf of Congress workers. A number of City Fathers, friends and admirers were present at the station to meet the Mayor.

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee proposed and Mr. Motichand Kapadia seconded Sir Shantidas Askuran to the chair.

In the course of his speech, Sir Shantidas read out a telegram he had received from Lord Wavell the Viceroy of India, stating that He and Her Excellency were deeply grieved to hear of the explosion and fire which had caused so much suffering to the people of Bombay. He wished success to the Sheriff's appeal for funds. He himself promised a donation of Rs. 5,000. Sir Shantidas also read letter from the Governor of Bombay supporting the appeal for funds and donating Rs. 3,000.

Two resolutions moved from the chair were adopted at the meeting. The first resolution expressed the opinion that immediate steps should be taken by the Government of India to render the repetition of such a tragedy impossible.

The second resolution expressed a deep sense of sorrow at the loss of life as a result of the explosion and fires in the city and conveying its sympathy to the relations of the victims of the calamity as well as to those who have been injured or rendered homeless and those whose properties have been destroyed.

The resolution further stated that, in view of the urgent need for relief measures, a Committee should be appointed with powers to co-opt, to raise the necessary funds and to co-operate with the Municipal administration in all relief measures that might be necessary.

The Mayor is the president of the committee. The Sheriff is the Chairman. Vice-Presidents are: Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Homi Mody, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee. The Secretaries are, Mr. J. K. Mehta, Mr. B. V. Mody and Mr. D. K. Nemani. The Central Bank of India are the treasurers of the fund.

The Sheriff announced a large number of donations, the largest of which was a sum of one lakh of rupees from the Royal Western India Turf Club.

The Stewards of the Club, also have agreed to put the premises and ground of the club at the disposal of the committee for use by the evacuees.

The following is the list of donations announced at the meeting: The Turf Club Rs. 1,00,000, Sir Dorab Tata Trust Rs. 50,000, Members of the Stock Exchange Rs. 50,000, N. M. Wadia Charities Rs. 25,000, Scindia Steam Co. Rs. 25,000, Sir Ratan Tata Trust Rs. 25,000, Mr. Mafatlal Gagalbhai Rs. 25,000, Bullion Exchange Rs. 21,000, Sir Cowasji Jehangir Rs. 20,000, Mr. Walchand Hirachand Rs. 10,000, Podar & Sons. Rs. 10,000, Mr. Mathuradas Vasanji Rs. 10,000, Sir Shantidas Askuran Rs. 10,000, Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee Rs. 10,000, Mrs. Ramnarain Ruia Rs. 10,000, H.E. the Viceroy Rs. 5,000, Mr. Maneklal Chunilal Rs. 5,000, Bombay Steam Navigation Co. Rs. 5,000, Bombay Provincial Red Cross Rs. 5,000, Sir Joseph Kay Rs. 5,000, Madhavial & Co. Rs. 5,000, Rai Bahadur Bansilal Abirchand Rs. 5,000, Governor of Bombay Rs. 3,000 Vijaychand Meghji Rs. 2,500, Sakalchand G. Shah Rs. 2,500, Anandlal Hemraj Rs. 1,100, Lady Rahimtoola Chinoy Rs. 1,001, Shavak Shorab Rs. 1,000 and Mrs. Phirozeshaw Captain Rs. 324.

Prominent among those present at the meeting were Sir Homi Mody, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Sir Jehangir Boman Behram, Sir Joseph Kay, Sir Frederick Stone, Mr. Husseinbhoy Laljee, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Mr. I. H. Taunton, Mr. M. R. Masani, Mr. Rashid Ali Baig, Mr. M. D. Bhat, Mr. C. P. Bramble and Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee.

The following are extracts from the speech made by Sir Shantidas:

"I thank you all so much for attending this meeting called by me at such a short notice. This is a proof of your sympathy for the sufferers and of how anxious the citizens of Bombay are to help their sisters and brothers, who have been dishoused owing to this most unfortunate calamity which has befallen the city. I take this opportunity to express our appreciation of and thanks to His Excellency the Governor and the Government of Bombay for all that they have done and especially for the free food supply, for the convenience of supplying food to the persons who have given shelter to the sufferers and for free railway fares to destitute persons whose houses have been destroyed. Mandvi is known to be the centre of charity, and I have no hesitation in saying that no subscription big or small, for any good purpose, was ever refused by individuals and Associations of this locality. This is the centre of many business and a market for our daily requirements. We are here to-day to tell them that we stand by them and are prepared to give all that is needed for the homeless victims. I take this opportunity to appeal to the Government of India to see that those parties whose properties and trade-stocks, etc., are destroyed by this fire, may be fully compensated. We all have to organise and start the real work so urgently needed after the temporary help which have been given by all individuals and all bodies. I take this opportunity of appealing to the mill-owners to give, with their usual generosity, cloth in the shape of sarees, dhoties, longcloth and blankets which are urgently needed for homeless sufferers. Not only our popular Governor and the Government are anxious to render all possible help to the sufferers, but also Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Vicereine sympathise with our plight.

I now propose that a Fund to be called 'The Sheriff's Fire Relief Fund' to help the sufferers in this calamity to be opened and the first subscription I have the honour and pleasure to announce is from Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Vicereine for Rs. 5,000 and Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Colville for Rs. 3,000 which they have graciously asked me to declare.

PORT TRUST OFFICIALS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BOMBAY, April 17.

The following officers of the Bombay Port Trust are among those who were killed in the recent explosions:

Lt.-Col. Sadler, Joint Manager, Docks and Railways, Bombay Port Trust; Mr. John S. Nicholson, Dock Master; Mr. C. O. A. Martensz, Deputy Manager, Docks; Mr. P. Scully, Superintendent, Salvage Corps and Mr. R. P. Palamkote, Station Officer, Fire Station, Fort.—A.P.

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But Bombay's Needs Will Be Looked After. Says Srivastava

NEW DELHI, April 17.—Sir J. P. Srivastava, Food Member to the Government of India, who returned from Bombay last night has to-day issued a statement in the course of which he states: "Bombay's needs will be looked after in the matter of its food and the Province need have no anxiety.

The statement says: "Altogether about 55,000 tons of foodgrains have been lost as a result of the disastrous fire which broke out in Bombay last Friday.

"The Government of India will not allow Bombay's scheme to fail due to this loss. In consultation with the War Transport Department, the highest priorities for food despatches to Bombay have been arranged and grains have already begun to move from various centres."—A.P.

LATE MR. T. R. N. CAMA

A Popular Writer, Businessman And Traveller

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Tehmurasp R. N. Cama which took place at his residence at 'Cosy Corner' Doongarsy Road, Malabar Hill, Bombay, on Sunday morning.

The late Mr. Cama was a businessman, a prolific humorous Gujarati writer of short stories and a great traveller. He was a member of the great Cama family which is well-known for its cosmopolitan charities. His grandfather, Pestonji Hormasji Cama, was the founder of the Cama Hospital for women. His father Mr. Navroji was a barrister and had a lucrative practice at Amraoti.

Mr. T. R. N. Cama was the proud brother of the famous Cama twins, one of whom had his brilliant academic career cut short by a riding accident in England. The second of the twin brothers was in the Indian Civil Service but he also died at an early age at Hoshangabad.

Mr. T. R. N. Cama was born on September 20, 1884. At an early age he visited England with his parents when the Golden Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria was celebrated. In 1914 he again went to England. These two early trips created in him a great fondness for world-wide travel.

He married in 1917 Pirojbai, daughter of Mr. N. M. Cama. In 1919 accompanied with his wife he went on a round-the-world tour and later in 1921 he made a journey to the hinterland and visited the most interior parts of the Soudan where few travellers used to go. In 1925 he again went on a round the world tour with his wife. In recognition of his world tours he was appointed a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London. After having obtained a good deal of experience by these constant and continued journeys and travel he joined hands with Mr. M. N. Cama and Mr. Charles Norton, an American, to do business under the name of Messrs. Cama, Norton and Company. Mr. Norton later on retired and the firm continues to do business in paper, ink, drugs etc. This firm owns the "Bombay Chronicle" and the allied newspapes, the 'Bombay Sentinel' and the 'Bombay Samachar.'

The late Mr. Cama took keen interest in improving the breed of poultry for the benefit of Indian fanciers. He used to import very expensive pedigree birds from Europe and other parts of the world for this purpose. He used to give away the eggs and chickens to the right parties so that the quality of the poultry as well as table eggs could be improved and brought to the level found in other countries.

He was also a keen horticulturist and specialised in dahlias. He won several prizes at Flower shows held at Poona.

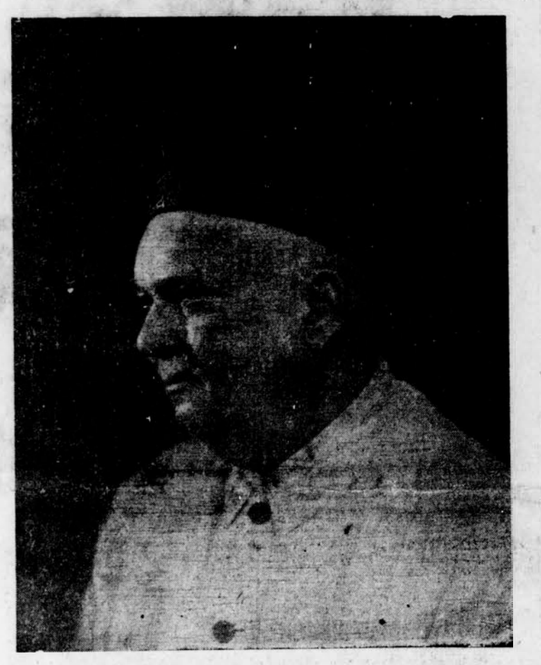
From his very young days, he had a keen sense of duty towards his less fortuntae brethren and in order to give them a helping hand he started the Asian Exchange Club. This club had thousands of members all over the world and the late Mr. Cama carried on correspondence with the members of the club as long as he had the leisure to do so. The purpose of this club was to do mutual benefit to its members.

The late Mr. Cama was a popular and humorous writer. He wrote hundreds of humorous Gujarati short stories which were published under his pen-name of 'Sassay-ke-Tinpay.' He was a regular contributor to 'Gap-Sap', a Gujarati Magazine published in Bombay, 'Jame Jamshed', 'Kaisar-i-Hind and 'Bombay Samachar.'

As a businessman the late Mr. Cama was connected with several concerns. He was a director of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Manufacturing Company as well as the Morarji Gokaldas Mills. He was also connected with many charitable institutions where he worked with great diligence as a trustee. He was of a very benevolent and generous nature and endeared himself to all those who came in contact with him in business and journalistic life. He was made a Justice of the Peace in 1939.

He leaves behind him a widow and a very large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

The "Uthamna' ceremony will take place at 4-45 p.m. to-day at "Cosy Corner", Doongersy Road, Malabar Hill.



Mr. T. R. N. Cama, who died on Sunday morning.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York, April 17.

Previous Closing	21.05
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Difference	+2
To-day's Closing	21.05
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New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, April 17.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.

General Motors $58-1/4.
Anaconda Copper Mining $25-7/8.
United States Steel Common $62.
United States Steel Pref. unquoted.—A. P.

NOTICE TO READERS

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. T. R. N. Cama, partner in the firm of proprietors of the "Bombay Chronicle" group of papers, the offices of the three papers will be closed to-day (Tuesday). There will therefore, be no issue of the "Bombay Chronicle" on Wednesday.

EX-ITALIAN MINISTER SHOT DEAD

LONDON, April 17.—The German News Agency quoting a Milan dispatch said last night Prof. Giovanni Gentile, former Italian Minister for Education and described as "a leading Fascist" was shot dead in Florence last night.

ALLIES BOMB BUDAPEST

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters: To-day's Allied 'communique' states: "Our patrols were aggressive on all fronts penetrating deep into enemy territory and destroying an ammunition dump at one point and a pillbox and its defenders at another. Railyards at Brasov and Turnu Severin and an aircraft factory and airfield at Belgrade were attacked yesterday by forces of escorted heavy bombers. Vital bridges in Central Italy were attacked by both medium and fighter bombers, hits being scored at Todi, Giulianova and Foligno.

ALLIES BOMB SOFIA AND BELGRADE

Heavy bombers based in Italy to-day bombed railway installations at Sofia and Belgrade.

Reuter's special correspondent at advanced Allied Headquarters in Italy: Since the creation of the Anzio beachhead twelve weeks ago, British and American forces have destroyed 200 German tanks or self-propelled guns and taken nearly 4,000 prisoners. During the same period the Luftwaffe has raided the beachhead 217 times using 2472 aircraft. Of these 175 have been destroyed and 117 probably destroyed by Allied Ackack gunners.

NAZIS QUIT ROME?

LONDON, April 17.—The German controlled Rome Radio to-day broadcast this announcement: "Departures for the north are going to take place. Soldiers and all those who wish to leave Rome must apply at once for information and instructions to the city office in Piazza del Esedra."

Reuter adds no further explanation or details were given in the announcement, which was issued by the Commissioner for Transport.

BERLIN, April 17.—The German News Agency to-day said that Budapest was raided last night. Budapest radio went off the air at about 22-00 hours last night. Vienna and another Austrian station also closed down.

ONE AXIS SHIP SUNK

CAIRO April 17.—To-day's Middle East Air 'communique' says: One ship was sunk and another crippled in an attack on Koroni harbour, Southern Greece, by long range 'Beau Fighters' which also struck at shipping in Nios and St. Nikolo harbours.

BADOGLIO RESIGNS TO FORM NEW GOVT.

NAPLES, April 17.

From Reuter's special correspondent:

It is learned on good authority that Marshal Pietro Badoglio this morning tendered his Cabinet's resignation to King Victor Emmanuel.

A semi-official statement issued by the Italian Press Ministry later said that King Victor Emmanuel had taken note of Marshal Badoglio's Cabinet's resignation and has asked Marshal Badoglio to form a new Ministry "with a broad base taking account of the wishes expressed by all parties."—Reuter.

When Marshal Badoglio selects the Ministers for his new All-Party Italian Government in the next few days, his present civilian Ministers will claim the right to be recognised as representative of a distinct party—Liberal Democratic.

At a week-end meeting held at Salerno a resolution was adopted calling for union of all democratic parties around Badoglio and the Italian Minister of Public Works, Raffaele de Caro, was elected Chairman of the Party Executive.

SOVIET WANTS ALL-PARTY GOVT.

MOSCOW, April 17.—The announcement that the Soviet Government has approached the Governments of the United States and Great Britain to discuss measures to unite all democratic and anti-Fascist forces in Italy within the Badoglio Government was made on Sunday night by M. Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, speaking to foreign correspondents at a Press Conference.

Military Authorities Warn Public

The military authorities have issued a warning that some unexploded ammunition may have been blown into the streets of Bombay by the explosion on Friday. It is dangerous to touch anything that looks like a shell or cartridge and finders are asked to report the position of any such material immediately to the nearest police station and to ensure that passers-by leave it undisturbed.

Action Taken To Secure Defence Of Br. India!

City Editors To Consider Prohibition Order

BOMBAY, April 17.

The Bombay Government has served an order on Mr. B. G. Horniman, Editor of the "Bombay Sentinel" prohibiting the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel"

The text of the order which was served on Mr. Horniman this morning states:—

"Whereas it is necessary for the purpose of securing the Defence of British India and the efficient prosecution of the war to pass the following order, the Government of Bombay in the exercise of its powers under Rule 41 of the Defence of India Rules, is plaesed to prohibit the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel."—A. P.

RULE 41

Rule 41 of the Defence of India Rules says:

(1) If in the opinion of the Provincial Government, it is necessary or expedient for the enforcement of these Rules, the Provincial Government may, by order addressed to a Printer, Publisher, or Editor or to Printers, Publishers and Editors generally:—

(a) *require that all matter or any matter relating to a particular subject or class of subjects, shall, before being published in any document or class of documents, be submitted for scrutiny to an authority specified in the order;*

(b) *prohibit, either absolutely or conditionally, the printing or publishing, in any area specified in the order, of any document or class of documents, or the use of any press or of all presses.*

(2) If any person contravenes any order under Sub-Rule (1) then, without prejudice to any other proceedings which may be taken against such person, the Provincial Government may declare to be forfeited to His Majesty every copy of any document published or made in contravention of such order any printing press or other apparatus used in the making or publication of such document.

(3) If any person contravenes any order made under this Rule, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years and shall also be liable to fine.

High Court Intervenes

Banned Papers Allowed Publication Subject To Undertaking

SYDNEY, April 17: The High Court this morning granted an interim injunction against the Commonwealth permitting the banned Sydney newspapers to be published, subject to certain undertakings pending further hearing.

The High Court by a majority granted an injunction to the proprietors of the Sydney 'Daily Telegraph' and 'Sunday Telegraph' restraining censorship officials from suppressing statements which had appeared in their week-end issues which were subsequently seized. Acting under instructions from the censorship office, a Commonwealth officer took over the final edition of to-day's (Monday's) edition of the 'Melbourne Herald' while it was being printed.

An injunction has been granted until Thursday on the undertaking that the newspapers would not publish anything prejudicial to public safety or to the efficient prosecution of the war. A similar application by the Sydney 'Morning Herald' is now being heard. The Commonwealth Army Minister, Mr. Francis M. Forde, has summoned an urgent Cabinet meeting for to-morrow (Tuesday) to discuss censorship ban on newspapers.

Sydney Police Action On Newspapers

Commonwealth police officers visited the offices of the 'Sydney Morning Herald' and 'Sydney Daily Telegraph' early today and prevented the despatch of copies of to-day's issue. This action follows the refusal by the Australian censorship authorities to permit the distribution of the 'Sunday Telegraph' because of alleged breaches of censorship regulations and dispute between Arthur Calwell, the Australian Minister of Information and Rupert A. G. Henderson, President of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association, regarding censorship.

Both the newspapers intended to publish Mr. Henderson's reply to an attack on him by Mr. Calwell in which the latter had stated that writers of some newspaper dailies were: "A little better than fifth columnists."

When Mr. Henderson's reply to this accusation was heavily cut, the newspapers decided, after seeking advice of an eminent counsel to publish the reply in full. They were then served with order forbidding publication.—Reuter.

BOMBAY EDITORS TO MEET AGAIN

BOMBAY, April 17.

A second meeting of the Editors of Bombay newspapers under the auspices of the Provincial Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference will be held at 5 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) at the Journalists Association premises, Prospects Chambers, to consider the situation arising out of the order prohibiting the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel"—A. P.

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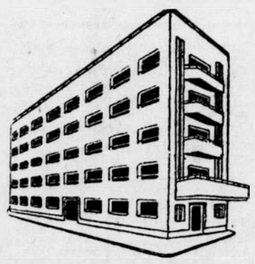

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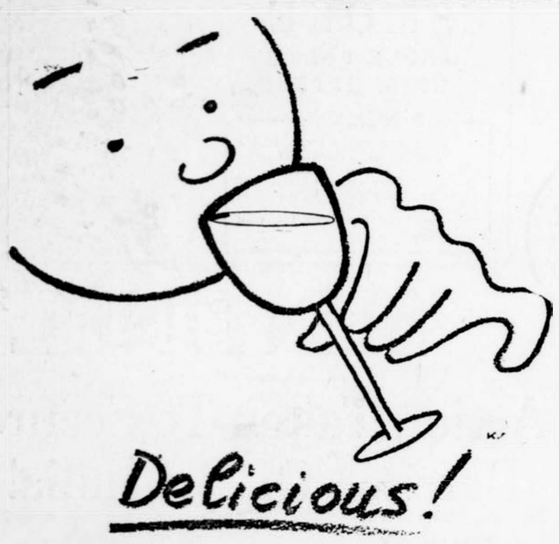

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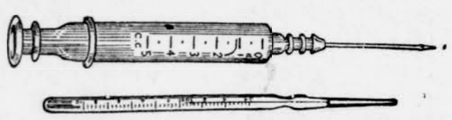

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Food Problems Facing Bombay Province

Vaikunth Mehta Wants Them To Be Studied Against Rural Background

Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Secretary, Peoples' Provincial Food Council writes:—

The Provincial food conference called by the Mayor of Bombay on 19th March passed two important resolutions. By one, it established a People's Provincial Food Council, and, by the other it defined its aims and objects as follows:—

(1) To watch the Working of the food policy of the Government, particularly in respect of arrangements for the production, procurement, storage, distribution and rationing of food grains and the fixing of prices, and to bring facts to the notice of Government and the public and to serve as a channel for the ventilation and redress of legitimate complaints and grievances:

(2) To consider ways and means of increasing the production of food in the Province.

(3) To consider the situation from the point of view of nutrition;

(4) To collect and publish data regarding food requirements and supply throughout the Province and generally to publish literature on the problems of food and nutrition with a view to educating public opinion.

TOPICS TO CONSIDER

The Central Committee is fully conscious of the fact that it cannot carry out this ambitious task without the fullest co-operation of the public. Though the Committee has decided to confine itself for the time being to the specific problem of food crops in the province, it is alive to the fact that it can arrive at a comprehensive understanding of the problem when it collects and disseminates authoritative information on such Allied topics as improving methods of agriculture, preservation and breeding of healthy cattle, the question of adequate supply of fodder, the problem of nutrition and a balanced diet and such other items as transport, marketing facilities and the purchasing power of the people in relation to the existing price levels, particularly of consumption goods.

To take a few examples, it is possible that in spite of the fact that food grains are available, many people may not be in a position to buy them because of the high selling prices. This leads us to the study of the complicated question of inflation and price control. Secondly, when there is such a pressing demand on the food resources of the province, it is necessary for all of us to know how to economise on food without spoiling our health and efficiency. Here we enter the domain of scientific diet. We must have exact information on the nutritive value of various foodstuffs and vegetables and what constitutes a balanced diet i.e., what varieties of food a man must eat and how much.

An adequate understanding of all these topics is possible only if we are able to enlist the help of experts. We know that there are many individuals and agencies who are working on these topics. We would earnestly request them to co-operate with us by using us as the Central office for collection and distribution of information to the public at large.

For lack of adequate funds it is not possible for the Central Committee to establish a Research Bureau of its own, but there is no doubt that it can act as an excellent clearing house by making known to the public the various researches that are carried out by individuals or groups throughout the province and by keeping such groups in close contact with each other.

REQUIREMENTS

Any ideal food organisation must have several departments working under its aegis.

(1) There must be a small group, a sort of Vigilance Committee which will keep a close watch over the execution of Government policies in the matter of acquisition, storage and distribution of food grains. All these are important issues. Acquisition policies may, in some circumstances such as lack of knowledge of local conditions, cause unnecessary hardships to the cultivator, inadequate facilities for storage might render useless for human consumption valuable quantities of foodgrains: and the problem of distribution involves, finally, such items as establishment of selling agencies, adequate and continuous supply of commodities, transport facilities and the preservation of such perishable articles as fruit and vegetables.

(2) A Committee of doctors and nutrition experts who will carry out experiments in the nutritive value of various types of foods, collect relevent data and keep a caretul watch on the effects of the present control on the health of the people at large.

(3) A Committee of agricultural experts who will deal with such matters as improvement of soil, seed and implements, introduction of co-operative farms and maintaining small experimental centres.

(4) A small Committee of individuals who know all about breeding and preservation of cattle, improvement of live stock, improvement of fodder etc.

(5) A Committee of economists who will keep us informed on such problems as marketing, price control etc.

POLITICAL COMPLICATION

The above list is by no means exhaustive but it may give some idea of the magnitude of the task that is facing the people of this province. The peculiar political situation existing in the country has made the whole question far more complicated than it otherwise need have been.

As already pointed out, the Provincial Food Council has no funds to establish such a huge organization. But it counts upon the enthusiasm, sympathy and spirit of public service of the people of this province as its biggest asset. If we can get together groups of intelligent and devoted workers who will apply their minds to each of the above problems and keep us informed from time to time of the results arrived at, they will render most valuable service to the people of the province at large and help to broaden the base of and lend authority to the views and opinions expressed by the Council from time to time.

In conclusion, the Committee would like to emphasize one thing. The entire food problem must be studies against the background of the countryside and not that of the towns. 350,000,000 of our people live in villages scattered all over the country and when we talk of our food problem it is really these people we must have in mind and not the handful who live in large cities and towns. This emphasis is all the more necessary since a large number of people who may be able to take an intelligent interest in the problem and contribute something towards its understanding are likely to belong to the big cities and towns. Every suggestion and every conclusion that we make or draw must presuppose a clear idea of the prevailing conditions in the countryside because it is there that the effect of the new policies will be visibly felt.

NAZI DESIGNS ON SWEDEN

Find Of Big Consignment Of Maps Leads To Invasion Fears

STOCKHOLM, April 16.

Reuter's staff correspondent writes: Asked to account for the large consignment of maps of Sweden found on a Danish ferry-boat at the south Swedish port of Haelsingborg, the Nazi Press Attache in Stockholm, Herr Hepp, denied that Germany intends to attack Sweden and said that he was sure that "there must be an innocent explanation."

Interviewed by the Swedish newspaper "Aftontidningen," he said: "Germany has too much to do elsewhere now." Neither he nor the German Military Attache knew anything about the matter. "They were General Staff maps and every General Staff has maps", he said. "Doubtless Sweden has maps of Germany."

The "Aftontidningen" representative replied: "Doubtless; but it is less probable that they would be used on German soil."

Commenting, the newspaper said: "We now know in fact what we only knew theoretically before—namely that Sweden could, if occasion warranted, be attacked by Germany. The maps were evidently intended for German troops in Norway so that they should not lose their way if they ever did operate in Sweden. These troops are charged with defence against invasion, but they can also be ordered to attack Sweden. Consequently they must be well prepared so as to carry the enterprise out in the best possible way. That is normal German preparation. The maps are detailed and show the very part of Sweden where one has reason to expect the main German thrust to come in the event of an attack."—Reuter.

Rizvi Released

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. Mohamed Yusuf Rizvi who was arrested in March 1943 under the Defence of India Rules has been released unconditionally. He was released on parole from the Nasik Road Central Prison for medical treatment. His detention order was cancelled while he was still on parole. Mr. Rizvi is a member of the Central Committee of the All-India Shia Political Conference.

HAILSTORM HITS GOPALGANJ

GOPALGANJ April 16: A hailstorm passed over Gopalganj on Wednesday afternoon causing damage to the standing crops and fruits especially mangoes and lichu.—A. P.

JOLLY CLUB CHESS TOURNAMENTS

"Late Capt. S. G. Ranade Chess Tournaments" will be held in the Jolly Club premises from 7th May, 1944, exclusively for Hindus, under the auspices of the Jolly Club, Poona, the tournamments will be played on the European system.

CHIMUR SENTENCES COMMUTED

NAGPUR, April 16.

Sir Frederick Grille, Chief Justice, Nagpur High Court, has given judgment in the second Chimur Case appeal which was referred to him on a difference of opinion between justices Puranik and Digby. Justice Grille generally concurred with the sentences proposed by Justice Digby except that in the case of two, the death sentences have been reduced to transportation. The result of this is: Eight have been sentenced to death, seven for transportation for life, one five years' rigorous and another two years' rigorous.

The case arose during the August 1942 disturbances at Chimur where a Sub-Divisional Officer, Naib Tehsildar, a Circle Inspector of Police and a constable were murdered and the police station house burnt.—A.P.

MADRAS JOURNALIST SENT TO JAIL

MADRAS, April 16.—Mr. V. R. Radhakrishnan, a city journalist who was arrested on Thursday last in connection with the National Week celebrations was convicted under the Defence of India Rules on two counts for violating the Police Commissioner's prohibitory order banning the taking out of processions and the holding of meetings and for shouting prejudicial slogans and sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment on each count, the sentences running concurrently.

The same Magistrate awarded the same sentence to 11 others arrested in the same connection.—United Press.

THREE INJURED IN RIOT

NEW DELHI, April 16.—Three persons were seriously injured as a result of a riot between two sections of Muslims at a public meeting held at Gandhi grounds this evening and three were slightly injured due to the lathi charges by the police.

The police had to make a mild lathi charge to disperse the crowd which gathered outside the pandal and started throwing stones at the pandal.—United Press.

NEW ADVOCATE-GENERAL FOR MADRAS

MADRAS, April 16: According to a Fort St. George notification: The resignation of the post of the Advocate-General by Dewan Bahadur Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer has been accepted by the Governor and Mr. P. P. Rajamannar has been appointed in his place.—A. P.

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Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA CEREMONY

CAMA—T. R. N. son of the late Mr. Naorosji Pestonji Cama and husband of Pirojbai (nee Pirojbai Nusserwanji Cama) died at 7-30 A.M. on Sunday. Uthamna ceremony will take place at Cosy Corner, Doongersy Road, Malabar Hill, today at 4-45 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE: On "Haptan Yasht" at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Churchgate Station to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting in the Library Hall of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S. T.), when Mr. Behramgore T. Anklesaria, M.A., will continue his discourse on "The Sacred Manthra Ahunavairya in the Gathas and the later Avesta and Pahlavi Literature".

INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS: Technical Films Exhibition to-day (Tuesday) at Conference Hall, Electric House, To-morrow (Wednesday) talk on Costing of War Contracts by H. S. Lyon at 6 p.m.

KANTILAL SHARMA RELEASED

Sjt. Kantilal Sharma, Vice-President of the Bombay Arya Samaj was kept in detention by the Bombay Government since 8-12-1942. He was unconditionally released on April 16.

CHITRAPUR MATH: His Holiness Shrimat Anandashram Swamiji of Chitrapur Math, will stay at "Shiv-Aram", Shivaji Park No. 2 Road, Dadar, from 19th to 20th instant, both days inclusive.

MRS. NAIDU LEAVES FOR HYDERABAD

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu left Bombay for Hyderabad by the Madras Express, to-day.

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"National Week" Arrests And Convictions

(From Our Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, April 17.

Mrs. Savitaben Bhanabhai and Mr. Navnit Parekh who were arrested from Vile Parle for leading a procession on Jallianwalla Baug Day, were each sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Mr. Jyotindra K. Desai who was arrested from Khar for leading a torch light procession on 10th, was also sentenced to one month's imprisonment by the Bandra Court Magistrate.

MAJLIS-E-ITTIHAD-O-TARAQQI: At the Annual General Meeting of the Majlis-E-Ittihad-O-Taraqqi, held on Sunday the following office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected:—

President: Mr. M. R. A. Baig; Vice-Presidents: Mr. Gulam Husein Sonavala and Mr. Abdul Jabbar Khan; Treasurer: Mr. Kaiser Ahmed; Gen. Secretary: Mr. A. R. Natiq; Organising Secretaries: Mr. Adam Adil and Mr. N. Abbasi. The members of the Committee include Mr. Fazal A. Fazalbhoy, Mr. Latif Geofry, Mr. Husenbhoy Valji and others.

NATIONAL-WEEK AT BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH

The National-Week was celebrated at Banasthali Vidyapith. A course of Extension lectures was arranged during the week and learned professors delivered enlightening speeches on a number of important subjects such as "The Democracy to be", "Pakistan", "Gandhism", "Socialism", "China's National Struggle" etc. On the 13th, the Shahid Day, Prabhat Pheries were taken out early in the morning and, after flag-hoisting, a grand spinning rally was held and far above expectation, 259,000 yards of yarn was spun. In the evening the function closed with stirring speeches and inspiring recitations.

VEGETABLE FRUIT AND FLOWER SHOW PRIZES

BOMBAY, Monday.

Two hundred prizes among 84 competitors were distributed this evening by Mrs. Lilavati Munshi at a meeting at the Conference Hall, in connection with the vegetable, fruit and flower show which was held at the Brabourne Stadium recently.

Mrs. Munshi said that such functions were necessary to improve the quality and quantity of gardening produce. But it was the duty of municipal and allied bodies to organise them, and it was not proper to tax public sympathy for such affairs.

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(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Kania, Mr. Justice Wadia, Mr. Justice Divatia and Mr. Justice Chagla)

Keshav G. Gokhale ..... Applicant
vs.
Imperator ..... Opponent

This was a "habeas corpus" application under Section 491 of the Criminal Procedure Code by the petitioner, a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and a pleader of Belgaum District, praying that his detention in pursuance of the order of the District Magistrate of Belgaum dated 9th August 1942 under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules be declared illegal and that the Provincial Government be called upon to produce the petitioner before the Court and that necessary orders be passed by it.

On 9th August 1942 the petitioner was arrested at Nippani, near Belgaum, under Rule 129 of the Defence of India Rules, and on the same day an order was passed by the District Magistrate for his detention under Rule 26 of those Rules.

Advocate for the applicant contended first, that the order of detention was not valid because apart from the fact that over 30 persons were detained under such orders on the same day in pursuance of the Congress Resolution of the preceding day, it was clear on the face of the order itself that it was "mechanical" and that the detaining authority was not satisfied as to the grounds of the detention and had not applied its mind to the case at all. Secondly, it was argued that under Section 2 of the Defence of India Act as amended by Ordinance XIV of 1943 the authority to be satisfied was the Provincial Government and not the District Magistrate. Lastly, it was argued that if there was no valid order of detention Rule 26 read with Section 3 of Ordinance III of 1944 which now applied to this case, Section 10 of that Ordinance could not come into operation at all so that the jurisdiction of the High Court to issue a writ of habeas corpus under section 491 was not taken away.

When the Court re-assembled after lunch, their lordships called upon the Advocate-General to reply to the first point urged by Mr. Jaghirdar for the applicant, before the latter went on to argue the other two points.

The Advocate-General stated at the outset that the first point of Mr. Jaghirdar was founded on two unwarranted assumptions. First, that merely because many persons were served with such an order on the same day made in each case on all the four grounds stated in Section 2 of the Defence of India Act, the detaining authority had not applied its mind to each case because the Advocate-General submitted that the grounds were inter-connected and there was a common cause of unrest in the Congress Policy. The second assumption was, that the grounds of detention arose only on the preceding day when the Congress Resolution was passed.

Mr. Justice Kania—But this is a stereotyped cyclostyled form with only the name filled in.

Mr. Justice Wadia—Without even the necessary grammatical corrections, if the District Magistrate had read the body of the order.

Mr. Justice Chagla—And so many of these mistakes which should have been corrected from the plural to the singular.

The Chief Justice then pointed out that there was not even an affidavit stating that the detaining authority was satisfied in terms of Rule 26. The Advocate-General argued that such an affidavit was not necessary.

The hearing of the case will be resumed to-day.

Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar appeared for the applicant.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer with the Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY

Lusitanians Qualify For Final

BOMBAY, Monday.

The second semi-finals of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament played this evening resulted in the Lusitanians eliminating Kirkee United to meet Delhi in the Finals on Tuesday evening.

In a game which, paradoxically enough, alternated with drab dullness and exotic thrills, the winners played a deal above their hitherto uninspired selves; with Lenny D'Souza doing most of the brilliant midfield work and Johnny Pinto putting in the finishing touch in his own inimitable fashion.

The first 15 minutes of play saw Kirkee predominate to such an extent that there was little doubt as to the result. Slowly, thereafter, however, the Lusitanians began coming into their own, and gradually the game veered round in their favour sufficiently to subject Kirkee to several anxious moments. Five minutes before the interval again however, Kirkee took charge of affairs, and were a trifle unlucky in not gaining a point, K. Nimal sending the ball flying a couple of inches above the Lusitanian cross-bar.

Midfield play prevailed for the best part of 10 minutes after resumption, and the next 10 minutes saw Kirkee make three dangerous but abortive raids in the Lusies' goalmouth. It was at this stage, however, that the climax came. The Lusies for once made a determined effort, and when Lenny D'Souza had entered the Kirkee circle to give Leo D'Sa a shot at goal, the consequential rebound saw Pinto do what he does with all such good things—and the Lusitanians were now a goal to the good. And then again 5 minutes later, a beautiful movement between Pinto and D'Sa gave the former his opportunity to register the second goal for his side. It was obvious after this that the Lusies had finally put the lid on the kettle, and although Kirkee played well into the Lusitanian danger zone for the remaining 4 minutes of play, the Lusitanians did just enough to enter the finals of this tournament for the second year in succession.

NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL MEETS

NEW DELHI, April 17.

The 14th session of the National Defence Council opened this morning at the Viceroy's House, New Delhi, says a Press "Communique". H. E. the Viceroy presided.

Sir Mahomed Usman presented a memorandum on canteen services in India, which was discussed. The Council then considered a memorandum on Civil Defence, raids in India since the last session of the Council. The consideration of a number of subjects relating to war transport was postponed to Wednesday owing to the unavoidable absence at Bombay of the War Transport Member.

The Council will meet again to-morrow.—A. P.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 17.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Let what we believe to be injustice by others impel us to higher standards, to nobler ideals of life, to wider charity and forgiveness, to deeper trust in an Omniscience that will yet right every wrong and wipe the tear from every eye.

—Albert Webb.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE AFTERMATH

The first thing that we feel constrained to say to-day about the aftermath of the fire which broke out in the city on Friday is to register an emphatic protest against the ban imposed by the Bombay Government on the "Bombay Sentinel". That Government "is pleased to prohibit the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel." And why? Because, forsooth, "it is necessary for the purpose of securing the defence of British India and the efficient prosecution of the war" to impose the ban! No specific offence is alleged against the paper, though even a show of justice demands some specific charge. One can only presume that the paper's offence was that it left some columns blank as a protest against certain restrictions. But though opinions may differ about the expediency of this method of protest, it is one of the commonest and recognised methods and it is certainly not an offence. It is ridiculous to regard non-publication as a prejudicial act. Nor did the caption to the blank columns suggest anything beyond what had been already stated by Government themselves and published by the Press. The ban is unwarranted from every point of view. It is arbitrary and against the spirit of the Gentlemen's Agreement between the Government of India and the Editors' Conference. In agreeing to the imposition of this ban Sir John Colville, who had begun well as a Governor, has committed a great political blunder—we hope it will be his last. He has been very badly advised by those who ought to know better about the duty they owe to the public and the Press which serves that public. The Defence of India Rules give very wide powers to the Executive. That is all the greater reason why these powers should not be used in a tyrannous manner. The use of Rule 41 to suppress a newspaper and thus vicariously to punish a large section of the public which reads that paper is nothing less than tyrannous exercise of power, apart from the fact that, in our view, the ban is an illegal one. It smacks of a panicky action by a bureaucrat in temper. We had thought that Sir John Colville had brought a new spirit into the administration. We are distressed that we were mistaken. We suggest that men charged with great responsibilities cannot afford to lose temper. It will be good for Government to withdraw the ban forthwith and not to add to the feeling of bitterness prevailing among the public owing to a hundred causes.

As regards the fire itself, it is now as good as extinguished and there is now no fear whatsoever of another explosion. The citizens' meeting called by the Sheriff on Monday has urged that immediate steps should be taken by the Government of India to render the repetition of such a tragedy impossible. This, we trust, will be done. Attention now needs to be concentrated on the problems of salvaging and relief of the refugees. Arrangements have now been made for the restoration of properties and other belongings of persons who have had to evacuate the affected areas hurriedly. These arrangements could well have been made at least a day earlier. At the meeting convened on Sunday by the Municipal Commissioner and Mr. M. R. Masani the one question which was stressed most was the fact that the citizens who had left their homes in the affected area were not allowed to go through the cordon and see what had happened to their property and belongings.

Relief work has already begun in right earnest though it is not as well co-ordinated as it needs to be. For various reasons the Municipality will have to bear the brunt of relief work with the assistance of a large number of individuals and organisations, Government having agreed to bear the expenses of feeding and of the railway fares and incidental charges of all those who desire to be repatriated from Bombay. Funds would be required for other purposes and it is heartening to note that the Emergency Relief Fund, inaugurated by the Sheriff of Bombay on Monday, has made a splendid beginning. Donations totalling more than six lakhs of rupees have been offered at the inaugural meeting. A large number of institutions have also been organising relief work independently. It is to be hoped the work will soon be well co-ordinated. That will ensure economy and relief only to the deserving.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Australian Press Censorship

That the path before the press in every progressivee country, whether in the West or the East, in the discharge of its mission of safeguarding the rights and liberties of the public, is not strewn with roses, is well illustrated by the case of the two Sydney newspapers reported by Reuter to-day. The Australian Minister of Information thinks nothing of publicly casting obviously unmerited aspersions on certain members of the local journalistic profession and when the president of the newspaper proprietors' association takes up the cudgels on their behalf, the minister takes advantage of his official position to prevent the reply of the latter from being made known to the public fully. Powers of censorship are resorted to and the newspapers are ordered not to publish the reply in full, and when the latter dare to print the same in their issues, the police are sent to the offices of the newspapers and the despatch of the issues containing the full text of the reply is forcibly prevented. One may be sure that the Australian press as a whole will have something pertinent to say about all this executive high-handedness. The sympathies of the Indian press, which has often had a full taste of such high-handedness, are entirely with the Australian press in its present struggle for freedom of expression.

Plight Of The Balkans

The repeated poundings which the capitals of Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia are receiving at the hands of the British and American air forces, besides effectively damaging military objectives and disorganising military traffic, should convey salutory warnings to these satellite States of the still greater punishment awaiting them if their present rulers persist in their treacherous conduct towards the Allies. With the further advance of the Red Armies into these States, the Allied straffings from the air are bound to be intensified more and more. The peoples of the Balkans can escape the sufferings entailed by these raids only by making determined attempts to throw off the yoke imposed on them by their Nazi masters and their hirelings.

More Tributes

The inspiring life of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi and the tragic circumstances in which she died in prison have naturally given rise to much biographical literature about her in various parts of the country. We have already reviewed her life-sketch edited by Mr. R. K. Prabhu and published by Hind Kitabs, Bombay. We have now before us a similar sketch bearing the title. "The Great Little Woman of India—Kasturba Gandhi" by K. P. Thomas (Published by the Orient Illustrated Weekly, Calcutta; pages 96; price Rs. 2). It contains a two-page memoir by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit and long extracts from Gandhiji's Autobiography. We have also before us another life-sketch by Miss Dhan Chandra (Published by Free India Publications, Lahore; pages 44; price Ans. 12). Both the sketches are readable and inspiring. The second contains six photographs.

Welcome To Work

Government have done a sensible thing in releasing Mr. Nagindas Master, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, and the Mayor of the City. He might with justice have been released much earlier, if there is any justice in the policy of indefinite detention without trial. However, better late than never. Mr. Master's release at the present moment of acute distress in the city will enable him to organise the services of a large number of Congress workers for the relief of fire victims. In the interest of relief Government will do well to release other Congress workers also, including Mr. S. K. Patil, an able organiser, to whom Government themselves may have occasion to be grateful for his relief organisation.

Right Congress Attitude

At the meeting of the U.P. Congress workers held during the week-end a resolution was adopted which, while reiterating the Congress attitude towards Imperialism, expressed confidence that, "despite all difficulties and impediments, the people in Assam will resist the Japanese attack with all the strength at their command." That has always been the attitude of the Congress, and we trust the resolution will go a long way in undoing the mischief caused by irresponsible officials circulating canards about pro-Japanese sympathies of the Congress and Gandhiji.

Late Mr. T. R. N. Cama

The "Bombay Chronicle" group of papers have suffered a very heavy loss by the death of Mr. T. R. N. Cama, partner in the firm owning these papers. The late Mr. Cama was a much-travelled man. Travel has broadened his vision and widened his human sympathy. He was a great gentleman and a friend of the poor. He combined keen business instinct with integrity of character and these qualities made him one of the most trustworthy businessmen of Bombay. To Mr. M. N. Cama, Managing Director of the "Bombay Chronicle" and its associated papers, the late Mr. T. R. N. Cama was a tower of strength. The "Bombay Chronicle" shares the sorrow of Mrs. T. R. N. Cama, Mr. M. N. Cama and other members of the family of the deceased and we offer them heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Governor Inaugurates Rural Broadcasting

The Governor of Bombay inaugurated on Monday evening the Bombay Province's Rural Broadcasting Scheme.

Included in the first programme was an account of the explosions and fire in Bombay city last Friday and of the relief measures taken to help those affected. This quick means of disseminating news among people, many of whom have relatives in Bombay City, is an immediate proof of the usefulness of such a radio service to the villagers.

"GUARDIAN" EDITOR DEAD

MANCHESTER, April 16.

The death occurred suddenly to-day of the editor of the "Manchester Guardian", Mr. William P. Crozier, aged 64. Mr. Crozier was one of the keenest critics of British policy in India, especially its policy since the Congress early in the war, asked for grant of Self-Government. He frequently wrote the "Guardian's" leading articles on India.—Reuter.

Municipal Teachers Volunteer For Relief Work

CITY ENGINEER TO INSPECT SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN AFFECTED AREA: ABOUT A DOZEN CHILDREN MISSING

BOMBAY, Monday.

The office set up in a former furniture shop at Mahomed Ali Road to examine into and issue permits to persons whose property is located in the affected areas in the city, following a fire and two explosions, last Friday was besieged by hundreds of persons, to-day. In the afternoon, permits on behalf of a number of workers, were sought and granted.

For the first time since the explosions occurred, persons concerned about the safety of their property in the affected area were allowed to see, under a strict police vigilance, the state of their belongings which they had abandoned before they were asked to leave the premises.

The work of demolishing houses which showed danger signs and an uncertain tendency of affording safety, continued. The military cordon around certain residential areas was replaced by a more narrow and shrinking one of the Police.

Traces of excitement and hurried rushing away were noticeable in places occupied by the Police to-day. Among those who visited the localities, who saw and returned, some wore an expression of anxiety and worry on their face while others came back with beaming faces, seeing that their losses were not considerable.

The Municipal Commissioner called a meeting of the representatives of the various organisations which are conducting relief centres in Bombay. Representatives of 17 organisations were present at the Conference at the Corporation Hall to-day. At the meeting, it was decided to form an Advisory Committee for each of the centres which would be conducted by the Municipality.

The Municipal Commissioner explained that the relief work would be done mainly through the municipal agency, but where private organisations which did not expect any financial help wanted to carry on their work independently, they could do so. In their case, however, there would be a certain amount of municipal control in respect of their demand for provision of rationed articles. With this in view, the Commissioner has prescribed a form which the representatives of the various relief organisations are expected to fill by to-morrow, after which a certificate would be issued enabling a private organisation to get its supply from the Director of Civil Supplies. It was decided that these organisations should supply the following information: (1) the name of the individual or organisation conducting relief; (2) the address of the relief centre; (3) when opened; (4) the number of homeless persons accommodated at present; (5) whether accommodation provided is adequate if so the extra number of persons who can be admitted; (6) whether the arrangements made at the centre are adequate; (7) whether any financial assistance is required; (8) what other facilities besides food and accommodation are offered to homeless persons by the organisation; (9) how many persons wish to leave Bombay.

An Evacuation Officer, assisting those who want to leave Bombay, will be appointed by the Municipality.

Municipal school teachers have decided to volunteer their services for relief work. At a meeting of the Schools Committee to-day, under the chairmanship of Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar, it was decided that all municipal schools should be closed from to-morrow. All the schools were closed on Saturday and to-day. Teachers, however, will begin their vacation a little later, April 24. Morning classes, however, will be continued as an experimental measure, but if children do not attend, the classes will be closed. About 6,000 children attend these morning classes at present.

Examinations will be held after the schools reopen. It was also to request the City Engineer to inspect all school buildings in the affected area and to see whether they are safe or in the laternative to carry out the necessary repairs. It was also proposed to request the Municipal Commissioner to run a special rest centre for teachers and children and peons of municipal schools, rendered homeless. It was decided to give schools for rest camps managed by established and well-known organisations.

After a resolution condoling the death of victims was passed, Miss Kapila Khandwala, Secretary of the Committee, made a statement regarding the effect of the explosion on municipal schools and the children.

About 50 municipal schools sustained major or minor damage in the affected areas. A few buildings, she stated, were completely destroyed. Nearly 200 children and six teachers received minor injuries. About a dozen children are missing. Four children have been rendered homeless. Prompt action to trace the missing children was made by her. As a result of two urgent meetings of municipal school teachers for doing relief work, it was decided this morning by 500 women teachers to volunteer services for relief work including the running of kitchens. It is also expected that 500 men teachers will volunteer their services.

Fifteen municipal schools have been given over for the use of rest camps and offices of relief organisations. Five more schools have already been assigned to other organisations. The total number of municipal schools in the city are 425.

Mayor Visits Relief Centre

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sjt. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay, visited "Hira Baugh", the Chief Relief Centre of City Congress workers, Rashtriya Seva Dal at 8-30 p.m. on Monday. He was warmly received by student volunteers. In the evening, Mr. M. R. Masani, Mr. Kakubhai, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Lilavati Munshi, Mrudulaben Sarabhai, Jayshriben Raiji, Anandjee Kanjee, Pursotam Thakkar, and others visited the Chief Centre.

Nationalist Students took out a procession for collection of money and clothes.

VIKRAM CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE RELIEF CENTRE

The Relief Centre which is opened by the Vikram Celebrations Committee is functioning at Hansraj Baug, Hansraj Lane in the compound of the temple adjoining Byculla Bridge.

It is providing food and shelter to the needy and has the capacity of accommodating 1,000 to 1,500 people. The public is requested to guide those who are in need of food and shelter to the centre.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the following places: (1) Mouji Sunderji & Co., 71-73 Chakla Street Tel. 20927, (2) Alembic Distributors Ltd. Laxmi Building, Sir Phirojshah Mehta Road Tel. 26605 and (3) The Office of the Committee at 16, Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Flora Fountain Tel. 32475.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN PARTY'S RELIEF WORK

The Nationalist Christian Party, Bombay, has organised relief to those rendered homeless by the recent tragedy and are giving them food and shelter. Steps are being undertaken to organise complete relief.—A. P.

RELIEF WORK IN CITY BY PUBLIC BODIES

Various persons and associations have started relief work in various centres in the city. Among these are the Bombay Communist Party, Shri Guru Singh Sabha, Memon Association, Anjuman-Majlis, Marwari Students' Union Bombay Homoeopathic Association Matunga Gujrati Relief Centre, Y. M. H. A., Marwari Sammelan, and Indian Federation of Labour.

MARWADI RELIEF CENTRE

The Secretary, the Marwadi Sammelan, Bombay writes:—With a view to render help to the victims the Marwadi Sammelan has started free-kitchens, free-clothing and free-lodging for those who need the same. People in need are, therefore, requested, that they should take advantage of the same at following places:—1. Singhaniawadi, Dadiseth Agiari Lane, 2. Nathuram Ramnarainwadi, Thakurdwar and 3. Birla Dharamshala, Fanaswadi.

RELIEF CENTRE AT NEMANIWADI

Distressed people rendered homeless by fire are being fed in thousands without distinction of religion or caste and milk and cloth is being supplied in deserving cases in the Relief centre opened by Seth Govindram Seksaria at Sewnarain Nemaniwadi, Bombay. Apart from the people fed in the premises, cooked food and cloth is being reached to the destitutes who have made the pavements at Marine Drive and other places their temporary home.

FIREMEN KILLED

Among the firemen who lost their lives in the explosion on Friday were Mr. Palamcote, Mr. Samson, Mr. Baig and Mr. Solomon. Mr. Parker is in hospital. Owing to a printer's mistake, the name of Mr. Palmer appeared as "Galmer" in yesterday morning's issue.

Mr. Pradhan Progressing

BOMBAY, April 17.

The newspaper report that Mr. M. G. Pradhan, a Bombay Fire Brigade Officer, was killed in the explosion in the dock area on Friday, is incorrect. Mr. Pradhan was only slightly injured and is progressing.—A. P.

DEMOLITION WORK TO CONTINUE

BOMBAY, April 17.

The Director of Information in a Press Note says:

Demolition work at the scene of the Bombay fire is likely to continue for some days. The public therefore have no cause to be alarmed at the sound of explosions which are part of the demolition work and which are all carefully controlled.—A. P.

WADI BUNDER GOODS DEPOT

It is notified that with effect from 18th April 1944, G. I. P. Railway Goods Depot at Wadi Bunder will re-open for delivery of goods. Booking of outward goods is, however restricted until further notice.

DEATH ROLL STANDS AT 336: 1,798 CASUALTIES TREATED

The Director of Information, Bombay writes:—

One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight casualties were treated in Bombay City hospitals as a result of Friday afternoon's explosions and fire. Of these 1,040 had only minor injuries and were allowed to go home after their injuries had been attended to.

The total death-roll to date, including 86 who died in hospital, is 336.

The fires are now completely under control, and only a few buildings are smouldering. Demolition squads were busy throughout Sunday and Monday blowing up badly damaged buildings and clearing the affected area.

ARMY TANKS ON SCENE

Army tanks were busy at Bombay docks on Monday, towing clear the girders and heavy metal work which lay around the scene of the week-end fire.

U. P. CONGRESSMEN ON JAPANESE INVASION

LUCKNOW, April 17.

The meeting of the Congress leaders and workers recently released from jail was resumed this morning in the Trilok Nath Hall with Babu Sampurnanand, ex-Education Minister U. P., in the chair.

Dr. K. N. Katju moved the resolution relating to Japanese inroads into Assam. The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. G. Kher, and was adopted in an amended form.

Following is the text of the resolution:—"This meeting views the inroads made by the Japanese troops into Assam with great concern. It expresses its sympathies with the people of Assam, who already afflicted by famine have now to suffer the hardships and ordeal of invasion.

"The renewed Japanese offensive once again underlines the danger of Fascist aggression to which the country is still exposed. While reiterating the Congress attitude towards Imperialism, this meeting expresses confidence that despite all difficulties and impediments the people in Assam will resist the Japanese attack with all the strength at their command. The Congress has always stood against all aggression and is committed to the defence of the country under all circumstances".—A. P.

The Sophia College Case

By K. T. SHAH

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The constitutional aspect of the case concerns the relations between the University and the Government. The head of the Government is also the head of the University; and it is a serious matter for two parts of the same organism to be at variance with one another, as it were. The head of the Government is, under the present circumstances, particularly concerned. For he has to-day no representatives, constitutional advisers, or Ministers, who could relieve him of his responsibility, or at least share in it. His statutory Advisers would not command the same weight in the public eye; and they cannot, of course, relieve him of any part of his responsibility.

The Senate is the supreme Governing Body, under the Act, in all matters relating to University affairs; and here is a case primarily within the jurisdiction of the University. The Senate has recommended a course, which, whatever the Governor's view of it, is backed by strong public opinion in that body. It is, moreover, a statutory body, which can claim contact with the public mind, far more truly than the exclusively official Government now constituting the executive in the Province. In considering the constitutional aspect of the case this point cannot but be allowed very considerable weight.

Under these circumstances, should Government,—or can Government,—disregard the Senate opinion? The head of the Government has, of course, certain statutory responsibilities, and some more under his special Instructions. But would they justify his overriding the University altogether off his own bat? Moreover, how, and on what grounds, could the special responsibilities of the Governor be invoked in protection of the "Minority Rights"? The present conflict is not as between a minority and the majority,—even granting that the question of Minority Rights is at all involved; but as between one small minority and another much smaller. One community,—taking it at the word of some of its spokesmen,—claims the right of conversion, even in a public educational institution where students of all communities attend; and another community, a much smaller minority, has felt aggrieved that its girls should be exposed to such a fate, when they themselves do not resort to proselytisation of any sort. Should the Governor, under the guise of his special Instructions, or constitutional responsibilities protect and encourage the Catholic Minority to use public educational institutions for proselytising, and effect conversions of girls of the Parsi community,—a much smaller Minority,—who cannot claim the same kinship with the governing race as the Christians, nor can threaten international complications? The problem needs but to be stated so bluntly to show, not merely its complications and ramifications, but also the distortion it is being subjected to by interested parties.

POLITICAL ASPECT

The political aspect of the case concerns (A) the relations as between the several sections of the Indian people, and (B) those between them and the Government of Bombay.

The issue has, indeed, been raised of the Rights of Minorities. But until the constitution of the country specifically enumerates and defines those "rights", all talk about them must needs be vague. Each minority community would claim those rights which fit in best with its own conception of its dues. But no "rights" can be absolute, or without their corresponding obligations. In this instance, even if the Christians insist upon and are allowed the "right" to convert they must realise that another sister community, much smaller in number and organised ability for propaganda, does not hold with proselytisation. Even if the general constitution of the country cannot forbid the right of proselytising religions to propagandise themselves through conversions, they cannot be allowed to do so in common, public institutions, like schools and colleges, hospitals or jails. In these institutions, used by all communities, the only safe and sound policy is to exclude rigorously any tendency to such proselytising activity. Otherwise, not only will there be constant inter-communal conflict, and disturbance of the public peace. There will be a standing charge from some sections of the community of a betrayal of trust, a breach of faith, which it is utterly undesirable any public institution should be suspected of.

The other aspect viz., the relations between the Government and the governed, as involved in this case, is no less complicated.

Government in Bombay to-day is not the normal constitutional machine, in the sense that there are no responsible Ministers and representative legislature. Though the Constitution does invest the head of the Government, under such circumstances, with powers to deal with such situations, the excercise of such extraordinary powers cannot be lightly resorted to by any statesmanlike head of the executive, especially in such a complex matter.

The claim of the University simply is that educational institutions affiliated to it shall not be allowed to carry on any proselytising activity, direct or indirect, through any person connected with such an institution, upon immature minds, if not legally minor individuals. There is here no question of any denial of the right of the Christians, if they so choose, to carry on,—as they have done for centuries,—conversion activities as regards persons of mature judgment outside public educational institutions conducted by them. But if the Christians are at all allowed to use common public educational institutions for conversion purposes, there is serious danger of other communities feeling aggrieved because of the violation of their fundamental right of citizenship, viz. freedom of conscience, worship and belief. All such rights have to be necessarily conditioned and restricted by the corresponding rights of citizens of other communities; and Government intervention, which might smack of giving an unwarrantable advantage or preference to one community over another, would constitute a grave breach of faith and understanding that have governed the relations between the Government and the governed ever since the Proclamation of Queen Victoria.

INTERNAL ASPECT

There is another side to the political aspect of this case, which deserves particular attention. Thanks to the inspiration, activity and authority of the present Archbishop of Bombay, the Catholic church as such has become a party to this controversy. Now the Catholic church is the most powerful international organisation, with the most wonderful technique of propaganda, the most widespread machinery for conducting it. Suggestions have already been made in press correspondence that if Indians or a nationalist, freedom-loving brand indulge in such pranks they will lose the sympathy of America for their nationalist aspirations. Without being a cynic, one may well ask what contribution Americans and particularly American Catholics—have made to the achievement of India's independence. The answer cannot be very emphatically affirmative. But even if it were otherwise, how far should Indians show deference to foreign sensitiveness—more often imagined than real—on specific issues of our internal politics? Foreigners, like the Archbishop, have, of course, an exaggerated opinion of the value of outside sympathy(?) for our national struggle or to them this is another weapon of British Imperialist domination of India, which is a tacit guarantee of disproportionate attention being shown to their own pretensions. Notwithstanding the glaring example of an earlier predecessor of Dr. Roberts, who stirred up by his own lack of sympathy for Indians, the famous 'Padraodo' question, and insulted the whole mass of Indian Catholics by a damaging description of them in the official census of the time, the Indian Catholics have yet to learn to see through the strategy of these outsiders imposed upon them by an outside power. And so they may be misled into misconceiving their own long-range interests, by echoing the interested cry of persecution of Minorities,—which has no foundation whatever—that is intended to serve the age old Imperialist policy of divide and rule. Those, however, who can see through such hackneyed strategy must be excused if they refused to be stampeded into surrender even by apostolic exuberance of intolerance and misunderstanding.

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ALLIES IMPROVE POSITION IN IMPHAL PLAIN

Heavy Jap Casualties In Operations To Clear Kohima-Dimapur Road

NEW DELHI, April 17: During April 16, patrol activity continued on the Arakan front, says a 'communique' issued from Headquarters, South-East Asia Command.

Later reports show that in our successful attack on a Japanese position west of Buthidaung on April 15 the enemy suffered heavily. Small raiding parties have been driven from near our new positions but no organised counter-attack has developed.

In the Kaladan Valley patrolling continues. Contact was made with enemy elements on April 16 north-east of Kaladan Village.

In the neighbourhood of the Tiddim Road our offensive patrols were active against the enemy.

In the Bishenpore area our troops have made contact with a small enemy party.

North-east of the Imphal plain we improved our positions in the surrounding hills. Mopping up continues near the feature captured yesterday.

In the high ridges near the Palel-Tamu road there was slight increase in enemy pressure supported by artillery fire.

ON KOHIMA-DIMAPUR ROAD

Our operations to clear the Kohima-Dimapur Road have continued effectively with the capture of further important positions from the Japanese. Enemy casualties in these operations have been very heavy.

Contact has been made with a small enemy party in the hills about 20 miles north-north-east of Kohima.

There has been no other material change in the neighbourhood of Kohima.

In the Fort Hertz area our levies ambushed a party of 120 Japanese moving west near Wagakawng and killed 28 of them.

Wolhtup, west of the Sumprabum-Mytkyina road, was attackeHd and captured by levies.

R.A.F. heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force, Eastern Air Command, on the night of April 15/16 attacked railway yards at Pegu with bursts seen in the target area. On the following day mediums of the Tenth U.S.A.A.F. bombed installations at Mogaung river bridge. Bursts were well concentrated in the target area, with two explosions observed.

TACTICAL AIR FORCE BUSY

R.A.F. and I.A.F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers of the Tactical Air Force were very active in daylight on April 14 and 15 and on the night of April 15/16 over the Arakan, Kaladan, Chin Hills, Chindwin and North-west Burma. On the night of April 15/16 Hurricanes were active over the Kalemyo-Tamu-Paungeyin-Homalin-Indaw areas, straffing enemy troop concentrations, locomotives and rolling stock. In daylight on April 15 and 16 fighters and medium bomber of the Tenth U.S.A.A.F. bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Kamaing, Mawlu and Mohnyin areas. Bombs fell in the target areas as indicated by group troops at Mawlu, while buildings and warehouses were hit. One fire covered a large area near the railway station and possible storage dump at Mohnyin.

Long range R.A.F. fighters in daylight on April 15 and on the night of April 15/16 continued their attacks on enemy rolling stock, motor transport and rivercraft in the Shwebo and Upper Chindwin area.

In a strike against Rangoon group of airfields, long range fighters of the Tenth U.S.A.A.F. in daylight on April 16 destroyed three enemy aircraft on the ground.

JAP ROAD BLOCKS CLEARED

Tanks and British infantry have cleared the Jap road blocks four miles north of Kohima where Rajput, Punjabi and British troops were involved in heavy fighting against strong enemy forces, writes an Indian Army observer on Sunday from Dimapur.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LUCKNOW, April 15: The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Lucknow, accompanied by two other police officers visited the Municipal Hall this afternoon where an informal meeting of U. P. Congress leaders was held and conveyed to the convenors of the meeting the District Magistrate's order directing them to allow four C.I.D. reporters at their tomorrow's more representative meeting. The order, the police officer pointed out, was being conveyed to them under orders of the U. P. Government.

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Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar is expected to hold combined charge of Supply and Finance Departments.

So he will be able to supply the Finance and at the same time finance the Supplies!

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In his final 'Order of the Day' to the Free French troops, General Giraud says:

"There is now only one voice, that of France. Men may go, France remains."

Is that a hint that De Gaulle also should go?

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Major General Willis Hale of U.S. Army Air Force, told his men: "It will not be long before you are over Tokyo."

How 'long before'?

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Mr Kelkar in the course of an article in the 'Maratha' says in defence of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's vote in support of Govt. in the Assembly:

"My personal resentment is strong against the studied contempt affected to be put upon the Hindu Mahasabha and other Independent Nationalist parties by all Congressmen, from Gandhiji down to any Govindji, from Mahatmaji down to any Madhavji. My resentment has grown so strong, that I sometimes feel tempted to express it by even offering to side with Governmeent, if that can sufficiently express my condemnation of this blatant vanity and egotism of Mahatmaji and Co." The Govindjis and Madhavjis will certainly find it difficult to equal Kelkarji's own vanity and egotism as revealed in this statement.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The Maharaja of Kashmir has offered half a squadron of fighter aircraft to vindicate his selection as India's representative on the War Cabinet.

(2) There never was any panic in the city—at least Bori Bunder thinks so!

(3) Milk prices are going up at such a rate that soon it will be cheaper to drink champagne.

(4) The 'doodh-walas' offer us the consolation that if the prices are raised they will more than make up for it by increasing the quantity of water in the milk.

(5) South African Whites are appealing to the world against the tyranny and high-handedness of Indians and 'Natives' who are threatening to claim equality.

(6) Amgot in Italy is scattering the seeds of democracy but it is feared they may harvest the fruit of Fascism.

(7) The Sind Government has 'frozen' the Congress Relief Funds only to ensure that they are not drained away!

SOVIETS SURROUND SEBASTOPOL

Three-Pronged Drive On City: Heavy Clashes Below 'Gateway To Reich'

MOSCOW, April 16.

The Germans lost over 118,000 men on the second Ukrainian front between March 6 and April 15, according to a special announcement made in Moscow to-night. Over 27,000 prisoners were taken by the Russians, the announcement added.

Reuter's staff correspondent writes: Veterans of Sebastopol's Russian garrison who, two years ago, made their epic stand within its walls are to-day fighting their way back into the historic city which is now almost surrounded. Already they are driving through Sebastopol, three miles from the city centre. With their Sebastopol defence ribbons pinned to their breasts, the avengers—tommy-gunners, tank crews, gunners—are leading a mighty assault on the fortress port launched to-day in powerful force from the whole perimeter of its near approaches. The dust of the battle once again hangs over the city as Soviet guns pour their shells into the streets from an arc now ringing the city almost from coast to coast.

Troops of the main Russian assault force, smashing its way down the road and railway from Simferopol, are only three miles from the centre of the city. Other forces are closing in rapidly from distances of four miles in the north and ten miles in the east, while to the south a column is racing for the coast eight miles away to complete the ring around the city's landward approaches.

Over Sebastopol Soviet bombers are smashing at German troops massed on piers and docks ready to crowd into any shipping that can get them away. Off the coast Soviet torpedo carrying planes, fast cutters and other warships of the Black Sea fleet are sweeping in a wide arc round the southern tip of the Peninsula.

As the final post-script to the disastrous last chapter of Hitler's Crimea debacle, the German and the Rumanian forces and sandwiched on the east coast are being steadily wiped out or taken prisoner.

HEAVY CLASHES BELOW TARNOPOL

Meanwhile, things are beginning to move again on General Zhukov's first Ukrainian front. Heavy clashes are going on below Tarnopol as he tests the strength of the reinforced German divisions in readiness for a new offensive. A general flareup along the whole Carpathian and Lower Dniester front may be expected to follow the Crimean cleanup, the "Red Star" predicts to-day.

MATSUWA ISLAND BOMBED.

PEARL HARBOUR, April 16.

Matsuwa Island in the Kurile islands was bombed by United States heavy bombers on the night of April 14, states a communique today from the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific, Admiral Chester Nimitz.

The Kuriles have now been raided five days running. United States aircraft also attacked Ponape and other islands in the Eastern Carolines and objectives in Marshall Islands. A Japanese tanker was bombed and sunk near Ant Island.—Reuter

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Central Budget

GOVT. OF INDIA ACCEPT "CUTS"

No Change In Net Estimate Of Revenue Deficit

NEW DELHI, April 17.

A Government of India resolution accepting certain cuts made by the Assembly in the budget says:—

The Legislative Assembly voted the demands for 1944-45 with the following reductions:—

Railway demands, Railway Board Rs. 300, appropriation to Reserve Rs 10,00,00,000.

General demands, Executive Council Rs. 2,34,999, Home Department Rs. 100 Finance Department Re. 1.

It also refused its assent to the following supplementary demands for 1943-44.

General demands, Department of Information and Broadcasting Rs 1,85,000.

Of these, the Governor-General in Council has, under Section 67-A (7) of the Government of India Act as set out in the ninth schedule to the Government of India Act, 1935, declared that demand for Executive Council for 1944-45 and Supplementary demand for Department of Information and broadcasting for 1943-44 are essential to the discharge of his responsibilities. The remaining reductions have been accepted, but the reductions except under Railway demand appropriation to Reserve do not affect the figures in the statements.

Consequent on the decision of the Governor-General in Council not to increase railway fares as originally proposed in the Railway Revenue, estimate has been reduced by Rs. ten crores, and, as stated above, there will be an equivalent reduction in the Railway Expenditure estimate on account of the transfer to the Railway Reserve Fund.

The Amendments to the Finance Bill will not result in any material alteration of the estimates for 1944-45 as previously adopted and no change has accordingly been made therein.

In the result, the net estimated Revenue Deficit for the year 1944-45 has not undergone any change—A. P.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF ACTION

NEW DELHI, April 17: Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan, Convener, Committee of Action, All-India Muslim League, announces that the meeting of the Committee of Action, which was to be held at Peshawar on April 26 1944, has been postponed. The date of the meeting of the Committee and four of the N.-W. F. P. by the members of the Committee will be fixed later on.—A. P.

U. P. URDU PRESS ASSOCIATION

LUCKNOW, April 14: Local Urdu journalists met yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Ahmad Hussain and decided to form a provincial Urdu Press Association. A Committee was formed to draft constitution of the Association. Mr. Anis Ahmad Abbasi was appointed convener.—A. P.

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"Monumental Failure Of British Statesmanship

Caxton Hall Meeting Demands Release Of Indian Politicals And Formation Of National Govt.

LONDON, April 16.

A meeting at Caxton Hall organised by the 'Free India Now' movement today passed the following resolution:

"This meeting of Indians and British sympathisers, in view of the present crisis, demands the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in order that they may take the lead in forming a national Government on the basis of the complete independence of India".

Speaking at the meeting, which was presided over by Prof Nagendra Nath Gangulee, Mr. Fenner Brockway, Political Secretary of the Independent Labour Party, declared that India was a most monumental failure of British statesmanship.

Mr. Iqbal Singh said "the British Government will find their Stalingrad in India which is going to be free whether Britain likes it or not.

WHY THIS DARNED SILLY QUIBBLE?

Sir Richard Acland, M.P. leader of the Commonwealth Party said: "We are told by our opponents that there is little difference between Dominion Status and national independence. If they think so, why does Mr. Amery haggle over the darned silly quibble? The opponents concentrate on differences among Indians but these can only be solved by Indians themselves."

Sir Richard Acland then referred to the "dull light" on canvassing in left-wing electioneering and said "you could get Sir Samuel Hoare out of Chelsea as easily as falling off a log if at least ten people got down to real house-to-house canvassing."

Professor Gangulee said: "Until we have our freedom, we cannot stop the continuation of brutality and suppression by the British alien Government."

The meeting also passed an emergency resolution protesting against the imprisonment of Mr. Suresh Vaidya. The resolution declared that the "British Government which has refused Indian Independence has no moral right to conscript Indian nationals in the Imperial forces against their will."

Mr. Brockway said that Mr. Vaidya refused to be conscripted into the army until India had been given her freedom and a National Government set up based on complete independence.

"DISGRACEFUL" PAMPHLET

A pamphlet entitled "Our British Empire" was described as "disgraceful" by Mr. Fenner Brockway, Political Secretary, the Independent Labour Party, speaking at the Indian Freedom Campaign meeting at Caxton Hall to-day. He said that the Government of India were distributing the pamphlet among British officers-in-charge of Indian troops, although from the first to the last word it embodied one of the worst features of Nazism—racial superiority."

It is a disgraceful document and Mr. Amery and Sir James Grigg should insist on its being withdrawn immediately from circulation".

Surprise has been caused at the War Office by Mr. Brockway's description of the pamphlet.

Reuter was told "anyone who has read it would have a great difficulty in recognising it as the pamphlet described by Mr. Brockway. It is far from unfriendly or unappreciative of the great qualities of the Indian people. It does quite properly contain some warning to officers and troops not well acquainted with India against difficulties they might meet. However few these instances are, it is advisable that our officers should be prepared to deal with them in a tactful way".—Reuter.

ACCOMMODATION IN BOMBAY

Central Government Representatives Discuss Issue With Provincial Govt.

NEW DELHI, April 17.

To discuss questions relating to accommodation in Bombay a meeting is being held on April 17 and 18 between representatives of the Central Government and the Government of Bombay.

A deputation of the Central Government, consisting of Sir Charles Ogilvie, Defence Secretary, Sir Gurunath Bewoor, Secretary, Posts and Air Department and Mr. D. L. Mazumdar, Joint Secretary, Labour Department, left for Bombay in advance of the meeting in order to discuss the matter with the Additional Chief Engineer and the Superintending Engineer of the Central P.W.D. stationed in Bombay.

It is learnt that accommodation problem in Bombay is becoming more and more acute every day and that the Central Government officers stationed there, particularly those who have been appointed to posts created in connection with war work, are finding great difficulty in securing accommodation.—A P.

CITY MARKETS

SHARES: The Share Bazar was officially open today but no business was done.

BULLION: The local Bullion market did not open today as clearing statements were not made up during the week-end. The Bank sold about one lakh tolas gold at Rs. 75 to Rs. 75/8.

COTTON: The local cotton market did no business today and it is anticipated that the clearing might be postponed as some firm have their offices in Mandvi locality.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May contract is below New York May 435 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

N.Y. COTTON REVIEW:—

U.S. Cotton consumption during March 902,000 bales against 811,000 in February.

Prices touched new seasonal high levels on aggressive mill price-fixing against the steady flow of Government textile orders, coupled with renewed speculative buying of new crops encouraged by continued unfavourable early planting conditions and the approval of the 48-hour working week for the textile industry by the War Manpower Commission. The weather excepting in Texas and Oklahoma, has been wholly unfavourable in March with the result that preparations were 2 to 3 weeks later than usual. According to the New York Cotton Exchange Service the trade believe that the amount of land that may be devoted to cotton this year will be slightly below the goal of 22,277,000 acres announced several months ago by the War Food Administration.

MADRAS SHARE QUOTATIONS

MADRAS, April 17.

Deccan Big 40-8 C. D., Deccan small 87-12 C. D., Indian Sugar 25, Mysore Sugar 66-4, South India 13-8, Travancore 16-10, Breweries 145.

Cochin Malabar 18-8 C. D., Chembra Peaks 11-2, Coorg 70, Cochin 21-4, Cottanad 14, Kalsa 15-10, Midland 16-8, Peermade 53, Ouchterlony 17-8 C. D., Valkundam 22-10 C. D., Vellamalai 28-12.

Bangalore Wol 465, B. and Co, ordy, 340, Balassbramania Mutilated Cambdoai 35-8, Coibatore Spg. 210, Coimbatore Pioneer 415, Dhanlaxmi 440, C. D., Kothair Tex 33-8, Lakshmi 203, Lakshmi New 102, Mettur 301-4, Madura 71-8, Rangavillas 206-12, Vasantha 34-2.

Cement 92-8, Bruntosn 77-6, Cr. Hind Trust 20, Indian Steel Roll 8-2, Mysore Chem. and Fert 37-4, Mysore Paper 31-1, Mysore Chem. Mfrs. 45, Mettur Chem. 22-8, Mettur Defd. 10, Singareni 17-8, Spencer 12-4.

Hapur Quotations

HAPUR, April 17.

Wheat Fine 11-9, Government retail rate reduced to 8-14, Stock 169, Khattis Gram 8, Fine 8-14, Barley 6-6-6, Peas 7-4, Arrivals 1,500 mds. steady market supplies of food grains small Rapeseed 10-8, Arrivals 4,000 mds, Gur 5, Fine 5-8, Arrivals 2,000 mds. quiet no export demand interest Urad Baishakh 11-5-1/2, Opened 11-3-6, Asar 11-7-9. Extremely steady on all round speculative buying. Moong Jeth 9-6-6, Quiet Guwar Jeth 7-4, Bardana Jeth 57-8 steady.

ANOTHER PARTY INSIDE CONGRESS

Obeidullah's Address To Sind Jamait Conference

HYDERABAD, (Sind), April 17.

"My head and heart are not like those of many other Indian Muslims. I think on the lines of citizens of present-day European countries", said Moulana Obeidullah Sindhi to-day addressing Jamait-ul-Ulema Conference.

"Look at Turkey" he said. "We have before us a very difficult problem. Indian Muslims, who have learnt English and have entered the Assemblies do not understand politics. They should be made to sit in the first row of a political school to learn that subject. The others in India do understand politics.

Referring to the Indian National Congress, Moulana Obeidullah said: "I call the Congress an international Congress, not merely a National Congress. There are two political parties in India, the British Government—the biggest party—and the Congress. Next, there is no party. Mahatma Gandhi is a great man. He has taught us all.

"Nevertheless I do not want Gandhism nor do I want Jawaharlal's atheistic ideas. I shall not accept less than Gandhiji's demands, but I should like to bring about a change in the Congress. I shall form a party within the Congress for the purpose".

The Conference demanded that the Haj route should be reopened. Sheikh Abdul Majid was elected Vice-President of the 2nd Jamait-ul-Ulema Conference.—A. P.

RASH DRIVING OF SERVICE VEHICLES

CALCUTTA, April 17: In repiy to a representation made by the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce on the subject of rash driving of service vehicles, the G.O.C.-in-C., Eastern Command, in a letter, states that the matter has been receiving the closest attention of all military commanders and that necessary orders have been issued. He hopes that these orders will have the effect of reducing the number of accidents in future.—A. P.

Results Of "Grow More Food Campaign"

About 250,000 tons are expected to be added to Bombay's food production at the next harvest in 1944-45 a result of the proposed "Grow More Food" legislation.

The additional area to be brought under food crops totals 884,000 acres. Of this 300,000 acres will be in the East Khandesh District, 278,000 in the Dharwar District and 306,000 in the Gujarat Districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Broach and Surat.

It is probable that cultivators in the areas concerned will be required to put at least two-thirds of their holdings under food crops. In this event they will be permitted to grow cotton and tobacco on not more than one-sixth of their acreage and other crops on similar area.

INDO-AFRICA TEXTILE TRADE

Delegation From East Africa

A delegation consisting of Mr. S. H. Sayer and Hon. Mr. K. R. Paroo, both members of East African Production and Supply Council, has reached Bombay, by air, from East Africa on Sunday.

As a result of the visit of a delegation which visited India a few weeks ago, it was indicated by the Government of India that they intended to organise their textile export by standardising the goods instituting inspection, stamping, etc., and this delegation has followed to advise on technical matters.

Interviewed the members of the delegation said: "One of our intentions is to advise and make suggestions so that the present happy trade relation between India and East Africa may continue even after the war. In 1938, East Africa imported only 3.75 per cent of its total imports of textile from India. In 1940 this has grown to 97 per cent. We wish to see this ratio to remain."

The delegation intends to interview the Textile Export Controller, mill owners, Africa Shippers' Association, Commerce Member in New Delhi and others.

Mr. Paroo, one of the members of the delegation, is also an elected member of Kenya Legislative Council, representing Indian interests. Mr. Sayer is the President of Association of Chambers of Commerce for Eastern Africa.

GREAT LOSS TO CAMA FAMILY

Three Newspaper Staffs' Tributes To Memory Of Mr. T. R. N. Cama

Glowing tributes were paid to the memory of Mr. Tehmurasp R. N. Cama, whose death occurred on Sunday at his residence in Malabar Hill at a meeting of the staff of the "Bombay Chronicle", "Bombay Sentinel" and the "Bombay Samachar", when a condolence resolution was passed.

The resolution stated:—

This meeting of the members of the staff of the "Bombay Chronicle", the "Bombay Sentinel" and the "Bombay Samachar" expresses deep sense of sorrow at the sad and untimely death of Mr. Tehmurasp R. N. Cama, which took place on Sunday.

This meeting offers its heart-felt sympathy to Mrs. T. R. N. Cama and Mr. M. N. Cama and other members of the family of the deceased in their heavy bereavement.'

Mr. B. G. Horniman, Editor, 'Bombay Sentinel', who presided paying tribute to the deceased, referred to the excellent qualities of head and heart which characterised the late Mr. Cama. Mr. Horniman stated that he knew him intimately and had come to admire his intellectual attainments and his general attitude of kindliness to all he came in contact with. His death, he said, was a great and irreparable loss, not only to Mr. M. N. Cama and the members of his family but to the three Newspapers with which he with Mr. M. N. Cama was connected for several years.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, moving the condolence resolution said that the late Mr. Cama was a man of great character and integrity. His unfailing shrewdness, kindliness and sense of humour endeared him to everybody. To Mr. M. N. Cama in particular, the loss was irreparable, for he and the deceased were like one soul in two bodies. The late Mr. T. R. N. Cama was truly Mr. M. N. Cama's friend, guide and philosopher.

Mr. Sohrab P. Kapadia, Editor, "Bombay Samachar", recalled his associations with the deceased for the last 30 years. It was a privilege to know him. His death was a loss not only to his friends, family and Mr. M. N. Cama, but also to the workers in whom he always took a sympathetic interest. It was also a great personal loss to him.

The resolution which was moved, all standing, was passed.

Mr. M. N. Cama in a feeling speech said that in Mr. T. R. N. Cama, he had lost, as Mr. Brelvi said, a philosopher, guide and friend. He said that since his college days, their bonds of affection had steadily grown. He came under his influence when he was very young, when he lost his father. Since then, neither in personal relations, nor in their business relations, did they have any differences. He hoped that other men in the world would also have such brothers. He thanked the members of the staff for sharing in his grief, which showed that they appreciated his qualities and also what a loss it was to the three newspapers.

It was also resolved that copies of the resolution should be forwarded to Mrs. T. R. N. Cama and Mr. M. N. Cama.

Bengal Rationing Order Violated By Hundred Women

CALCUTTA, April 17.

More than a hundred women have so far been arrested for bringing rice into the Calcutta industrial area in contravention of the Bengal Rationing Order. About a dozen of them were produced to-day before the Special Magistrate in the Bankshal Street Police Court, and were remanded in jail custody, failing to furnish securities.—A. P.

Jamnadas Mehta On Indian Situation And War

PHILADELPHIA, April 16

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, the Indian Labour Delegate to International Labour Office Conference, interviewed to-day, said if India appears indifferent to the war, it is because sectional differences were stemming out of England's policy of "divide and rule" and not because of any pro Axis sympathy. He said India was torn into "communal and sectional organisations which work against common welfare in the narrow belief that such policy is to their own individual interest."

He said India's opinion that "Axis powers must be defeated if the world is to live in peace and security," was unanimous.—Reuter.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE

All Municipal School teachers and peons, who have enrolled themselves as Volunteers for the Rescue Centres should meet at the Gilder Tank Building on Tuesday, the 18th April, 1944 at 8-20 A.M. (B.T.) i.e. 10 A.M. (S.T.)

2. Summer vacation for all the Municipal Schools i.e. Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu Boys, and Girls' Tamil, Malayalam, etc., Schools has been granted from Monday, the 24th April, 1944.

3. Summer vacation, however for the school children of the above schools has been granted from Tuesday, the 18th April, 1944.

4. All the Morning Classes in the localities, which are not affected and the Day Classes for Infants are to continue to work as usual until further orders.

5. All the teachers and peons of the Day schools and of the Morning Classes only in the affected areas are to report to the Office on Tuesday, th e18th April 1944, 11 A.M. (B.T.)

6. Detailed Circulars have been issued to all the Schools by their respective Superintendents, which should be referred to by the teachers and those who have not received by these Circulars should arrange t otake them away from the Office.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"KOVALAN"

The Performances of the dance drama 'Kovalan', have been unavoidably POSTPONED. Instead of the scheduled 17th, 18th and 19th April, the shows will now take place on:

April 19th at 9-30 P.M.

April 20th and 22nd at 6-30 P.M.

Tickets already purchased for shows on the 17th and 18th can be exchngaed at S. Rose and Co., and at the Theatre.

The proceeds are being equally divided for relief of distress in Bombay City and Malabar. (8518)

THE BOMBAY & SUBURBAN HOTEL KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

(SYED ALTAF HUSSAIN PARTY)

Members are requested to pay up their membership fees, new members are also admitted.

M. H. VYAS,
Advocate, Hon. Secretary.
Appa Building,
Nal Bazar, Sandhurst Rd. (4647)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of Shri Ambica Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. will be held on TUESDAY, the 2nd of May, 1944, at 5 P. M. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company at Prospect Chambers, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay to transact the following business:—

1. To elect Directors Under Article 98 of the Company's Articles of Association all the Directors except ex-Officio Directors who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
2. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting.

In sending the accompanying Notice of the First Ordinary General Meeting of this Company to be held on Tuesday the 2nd May 1944, we have to inform you that under the provision of Rule 45-B of the Defence of India Rules the publication of copies of this Company's Accounts or any report or other documents relating to its operations is now prohibited. We consequently regret that the Auditors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the period ending 31st December 1943 may not be sent to you nor we are advised may they be produced or discussed at the meeting. The proceedings at the Meeting will have to be confined exclusively to the consideration of the matters set out in the Notice.

The Rule does provide however that such accounts reports and documents may be inspected at the Office of the Company by any person who but for this direction would have been entitled to receive or inspect copies thereof and who shall have given to the Company notice in writing of his desire so to do not less than seven days previously.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Managing Agents. (8516)

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NOTICE

We have REMOVED our Offices to 27 A, Waudby Road, Curimbhoy House, Fort, Bombay.

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NOTICE.

MERCHANTS expecting goods such as food grains, perishables etc. at Carnac Bridge should call at the Bombay Central Goods Office (Mahalakshmi Grass Yard) with their Railway Receipts, as it is hoped to be able to unload some of their goods there, as Carnac Bridge is closed until further. (8508)

NOTICE

THE COMILLA BANKING CORPORATION LTD. REGARDING OUR MANDVI BRANCH

BECAUSE of our MANDVI BRANCH has been temporarily REMOVED to our Fort Office at Amar Building Sir Phirozsha Mehta Road, Bombay, from there the Mandvi Branch will function till that office reopens at Bhat Bazar.

N. BHATACHARIJI,
Agent,
Fort Office. (8506)

NOTICE

Will all gazetted officers and rangers of the forest services retired or about to retire who want employment, send the following information to the Inspector General of Forests. Dehra Dun address, age, particulars of service, last pay drawn in service, approximate salary acceptable. (8504)

NOTICE

IN PURSUANCE of the provisions of Shop Act our Restaurant and Dinner Service will remain entirely closed on Sundays from 30th April, 1944.

N. G. VIRKAR,
Prop: Velankar Hindu Hotel,
Girgaum Corner, Bombay 4. (8507)

NOTICE.

THE BANK OF JAIPUR LTD.

Re: OUR MANDVI BRANCH

THE RECORDS of our Mandvi Branch have been removed to our Bombay Office, Cook's Building, Hornby Road, Bombay, from where the Mandvi Branch will operate for the present.

C. H. DIVANJI,
Bombay Agent. (8511)

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED FROM British subjects for a temporary post of Assistant Journalist, Bureau of Public Information, Government of India. Age—21-35. Salary—Rs. 150-5-200. Good academic record and journalistic experience essential. Preference will be given to those who have worked for at least twelve consecutive months in an English newspapers office. Candidates should send in cuttings of published articles, signed wherever possible, together with references and testimonials in original. A small number of candidates will be invited to appear before a Selection Committee but no travelling allowance will be paid. Applications should reach Administrative Officer, Bureau of Public Information, Imperial Secretariat, North Block, New Delhi not later than April 25, 1944. 8493

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

IN INSOLVENCY

No. 31 of 1944

Re: JAMNADAS SHAMJI
An Insolvent.

NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovenamed insolvent has applied to the Court for the annulment of the adjudication order made against him on the 7th day of March, 1944, on the petition of his only creditor, under Section 21 of the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act, on the ground of full payment. The said petition is to be heard on the 25th April, 1944.

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so in the office of the undersigned not later than Friday the 21st April, 1944. If they fail to do so the application will be proceeded with on the 25th instant without regard to their claims, if any.

All persons having claims against the Official Assignee in the abovementioned estate in respect of costs, charges, expenses, rent, lien or otherwise are hereby requested to notify their claims to the undersigned not later than 21st April 1944, after which date their claims if any will not be recognised.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1944.

R. S. BILIMORIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay.
Official Assignee's Office,
High Court, Bombay. (8513)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE.

THE BARKOOR BILLAVA CHARITY SANGHA, BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BRAHMA SHREE GURU NARAIN SWAMI SEVA SAMITI, Katapadi, (S.K.) are hereby called upon to execute the Intended Agreement between us and them for the Lease of the Plot of land being Patta No. 33 situated at 97 Khote Village, Katapadi, (S.K.) on or before the 1st day of June, 1944, failing which we shall consider the said Intended Agreement and the correspondence thereto as null and void and not binding upon us in any manner whatsoever.

By Order,
Y. G. BANGERA,
Hon. Gen. Secretary. (8509)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KRISHNARAJ VISSONJI RUTTONSEY has separated from his father Mr. VISSONJI RUTTONSEY and has released and assigned all his share, right, title and interest in the joint family properties or other the estate and effects thereof. All persons in any manner dealing with the said Krishnaraj Vissonji Ruttonsey shall do so at their own risk and account and neither our client Mr. Vissonji Ruttonsey nor any of the said estate and effects shall in any way be responsible for the same.

Bombay, 17th April, 1944.
MAZAGONWALLA & CO.,
Attorneys for Mr. Vissonji Ruttonsey. (8510)

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Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.

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Director: SHAUKAT HUSSAIN

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. SASSOON J. DAVID AND CO. LTD., have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all incumbrances, claims and demands.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, sale, exchange, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, possession, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, within the Fort of Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All those pieces or parcels of land, hereditaments and premises commonly called or known as the village of Magatone or Magathan situate and being in the Island and Taluka of Salsette in the Zilla or District now known as the Bombay Suburban District and the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, in the Bombay Suburban District, containing by admeasurement 4735 acres and 24¼ Gunthas be the same more or less bearing Survey Nos. 1 to 168 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North partly by the village of Cannery, partly by the village of Dysar partly by the village of Kasee, partly by the village of Chena and partly by the village of Yeoor, on or towards the South partly by the village of Poisar and partly by the village of Toolsee, on or towards the East partly by the village of Toolsee and partly by the village of Yeoor and on or towards the West partly by the village of Kandiwalt and Simpowly and partly by the village of Borivli.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1944.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (8515)

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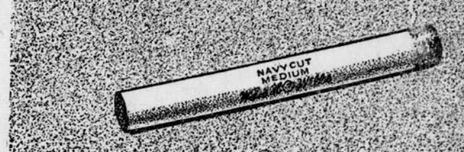

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